

5 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geographic Research, ORR

SUBJECT: Geography Division Progress Report for March 1960

A. Research and Technical Support Activity During March

1. Reports Disseminated

Requester

CIA/RR GR 60-1	Territorial and Sovereignty Problems of the Arctic	IRC/State
CIA/RR GR L-60-1	Cuba: Parts II, VI, VIII, XI, XVI, and XVII	WH/DD/? 25X1A8a
CIA/RR GR L-60-2	The Kurds in 1959	
CIA/RR GP 60-38:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives in Area 2 (Ural Mountains)	I/GM/FR
CIA/RR GP 60-39:L	Tourist, Industrial, and Professional Objectives in Area 5 (Western Ukraine-Moldavia)	I/GM/FR
*CIA/RR GP 60-40:L	Physical Conditions Affecting a Certain Activity in Northern Yakutsk ASSR	OCI
CIA/RR GP 60-41:L	Comments on Draft Report: <u>The Soviet Rubber Industry During the Seven-Year Plan, Project 22.2846</u>	M/CH/FR
*CIA/RR GP 60-42:L	Boundary Inventory File: Hungary-Yugoslavia	IRC/State
*CIA/RR GP 60-43:L	Geographic Area, ORR Contribution to NIE 61-60: The Outlook for	For MEM
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CIA/RR GP 60-44:L	Chapter IX	NIS Program

*Work initiated during month.

Reports Disseminated (Contd.)Requester

CIA/RR GP 60-45:L Tourist, Industrial, and
Professional Objectives
in Area 6 (Southern Crimea)

I/GM/RR

CIA/RR GP 60-47:L NIS 53, Egypt, Map and Chart
Appraisal Component of Chapter I

NIS Program

2. New Projects Under Way

60.1381 OTR Lecture on Geographic Factors Influencing Sabotage
Operations

60.1821 Geographic Intelligence Review, GIR 60-2

69.1840 Paraguay

63.1841 Location of Certain Installations in European Satellites

63.1842 Results of the Law of the Sea Conference

60.1843 Support of Powers Positions Project

B. Planning and Development

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[REDACTED] are preparing the basic draft of a background paper on geographic elements of national power to be submitted to an inter-departmental committee that is to estimate the probable power positions of the U.S. vis-a-vis the U.S.S.R. and the Sino-Soviet Bloc vis-a-vis the Free World as of 1965 and 1970.

Two proposals for external research were worked on during the month. A draft proposal relating to needed sociological data on Africa South of the Sahara was coordinated through interested parts of State, Army, and the Agency and submitted to the AD/RR. A proposal for the construction of PI keys on Southeast Asia and Africa South of the Sahara was forwarded to the Director, PIC for consideration. Further exploratory action on the latter project will be taken by PIC, with D/GG in attendance.

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[REDACTED] MED/SI, conferred with [REDACTED] on the problem of obtaining geographic information for the nuclear explosion inspection teams that would be stationed in the Soviet Union if the current negotiations result in a treaty banning nuclear tests. The problems involved in providing these teams with detailed geographic intelligence on specific inspection targets in the USSR on a 24- or 48-hour notice were also discussed. A list of regional studies that have already been prepared by GG/S on the USSR is being compiled and will be forwarded to [REDACTED]

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A memorandum from Chief, WH, DD/P requested that the Latin America task force follow its completed work on Cuba with production of research

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support on Paraguay. Subsequently, WH requested that the studies on Paraguay be held for sufficient time to permit a beefing up of the several Cuban urban studies prepared by Army Map Service. With the cooperation of D/GL and State, [REDACTED] meanwhile has completed a spot procurement mission in Paraguay.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] participated with Chief, D/GC in a series of conferences designed to assist the DD/P in formulating and implementing map requirements for certain parts of eastern Asia.

Ch/G approved the formation of an Arctic Area Discussion Group which will incorporate the previous Soviet Arctic Working Group and other interested personnel for the purpose of discussing problems and exchanging information on the Arctic.

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Plans for extending the duration of [REDACTED] area familiarization trip to permit a more comprehensive exchange of information with [REDACTED] were formalized following a request to this effect by [REDACTED]. The desired extension has been approved by the DD/I and is in process of DD/P approval.

A partial redistribution of area responsibilities was effected in the Europe Branch in an attempt to distribute the work load evenly:

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[REDACTED]
Rumania, Bulgaria, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands,
Belgium, Luxembourg

Poland, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland,

Svalbard, [REDACTED] 25X6A

Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland
Italy, Yugoslavia, Albania, Austria, Switzerland

In this connection, a revised reading requirements list was prepared for the ORR Reading Panel. This list is designed to cut down on western European material and update requirements on eastern and northern Europe.

Arrangements were completed for microfilming of Division files, to begin in GG/F 15 April. Inasmuch as all files held in the Division were filmed two years ago, this filming is to be confined to only those documents that are absolutely necessary to bring the 1957 filming up to date.

C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

A meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 11 March to continue consideration of a new Chapter IX format. The group arrived at some tentative conclusions concerning segmentation of Chapter IX to allow for maintenance by Section instead of by Chapter. The Committee will reconvene on 7 April to finalize the conclusions and to work out precise recommendations for the outline revision.

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Eight Division people attended the special one-week Paramilitary Operations Course [REDACTED]. The course proved to be of great value to both students and instructors. As an outgrowth of the contact, the Division has been requested to provide lecturers for the Sabotage course, in April, and the special paramilitary command post-maneuver exercise in May.

The 9th meeting of the Africa Roundtable was devoted to a discussion of the problem of segregating overt from covert requirements, with particular reference to the DD/P overload of overt requirements. Members expressed an interest in developing a community-wide group that would define in some detail the US targets and objectives in Africa. A committee has subsequently discussed the matter with Ch/G and AD/RR and has received approval in principle to expand the Roundtable on an informal basis.

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[REDACTED] departed for two weeks TDY [REDACTED] to exploit [REDACTED] source materials on West China and [REDACTED] map sources on South Pacific Islands, and confer with U.S. intelligence personnel on matters of common interest.

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The following significant contacts and activities were reported by [REDACTED] Special Research Branch: 1. Attendance as CIA representative at a series of meetings of the OCB Working Group on Antarctica in connection with the drafting of an NSC Report on Antarctica and an OCB Outline Plan of Operations. 2. Briefing of the Commandant, AFCIN 3, Colonel R. Mason and his staff on the strategic implications of Soviet activities in Antarctica; particular interest was shown in the recent TDCS report of a missile impacting and possible use of Antarctica for disruption of radio communications; the same type of briefing has been requested for presentation to Major General J. H. Walsh, ACS, Intelligence, and his staff. 3. Briefing of a special group of AFCIN 3 analysts on Soviet geodetic activities that might provide clues to the possible location of Soviet launch sites; they requested a briefing on Antarctica and its possible role in Soviet space research and missile strategy; later, [REDACTED] was briefed on [REDACTED] which was found to be producing a detailed analysis of available geodetic data and map coverage on the Soviet Bloc. 4. Meeting of the reconstituted advisory group on the U.S. position, Antarctic Staff, State, which is now engaged in interim discussions with signatories of the Antarctic Treaty to organize implementing measures for the fulfillment of provisions of the treaty.

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Dr. Lauri Niemela, new Geographic Attaché, Copenhagen, and Mr. Dean Rugg, returning Geographic Attaché, Bonn, were briefed and debriefed during the month.

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[REDACTED] briefed a group of JOT personnel on geographic intelligence and the mission of the Division.

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D. Problems

A staff study is underway which will make recommendations to the AD on the Division clerical problem.

E. Miscellaneous

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Plans were formulated for [REDACTED] to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in New York on 11-13 April. 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] was selected by St/A to represent the G Area on a committee reviewing the IG's Survey of the CIA Career Service.

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Approval has been requested for 45 days' area familiarization travel for [REDACTED], D/GG/N, to selected countries of the Middle East, commencing on or about 1 June 1960. 25X1A9a

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Project Control ^{1/}	Title	Requester	Status ^{1/}	Est. Date of Publication
<u>Geographic Intelligence Review, CIA/RR GIR</u>				
60.1821	Geographic Intelligence Review, GIR 60-1	Routine	****	Apr 60
#60.1845	Geographic Intelligence Review, GIR 60-2	Routine	I	Jun 60
<u>Geographic Intelligence Reports (for standard distribution), CIA/RR GR</u>				
61.1212	Geog. of Sinkiang	DD/P	In abeyance	II 60
64.1419	USSR RR Map	S/TR/RR	****	II 60
69.1655	NonSov. Activ. in Antarctica during IGY	Self-init.	In abeyance	Open
63.1720	Olseztyn Region of Poland	Self-init.	****	II 60
63.1767	Industrialization of Slovakia	Self-init.	In abeyance	II 60
<u>Geographic Intelligence Reports (for limited and special distribution), CIA/RR GR L</u>				
69.1279	Satellite Geod. Activ. since Sofia Conf.	Self-init.	Deferred	Open
61.1357	North Korea Target Study: Ch'ongjin	DD/P	In abeyance	Open
61.1717	Rice Production in Communist China	M/AG/RR	In abeyance	Open
63.1728	Agr. Region, Rumania	M/AG/RR	In abeyance	Open
64.1739	Ostrov Vozrozhdeniya	OSI/ASD	Deferred	Open
60.1742	The Kurds	OIS for NEA	***	Open
61.1768	Adm. Div. of Indonesia	Self-init./FDD	Deferred	Open
64.1786	Underground Nuclear Explosions	25/SIA8a	In abeyance	Open
60.1800	Cuba			Apr 60
69.1828	Analyst of Sov. Impact Accuracies, Pacific	Self-init.	***	Apr 60
<u>Geographic Intelligence Memorandum</u>				
#63.1842	Results of Law of Sea Conference	Self-init.	I	Open

1/	I Initial research.	Deferred:	Work scheduled; due date or other work does not warrant beginning project.
*	Research 1/3 complete.	In abeyance:	Some work done but higher priority work has taken precedence.
**	Research 2/3 complete.	#:	New Project initiated during month.
***	Research in final stage.	Roman Numeral:	Quarter of calendar year.
****	Preparation for reproduction in process.		

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<u>Geographic Support Projects, CIA/RR GP</u>				
63.1341	City Plan: Sofia, Bulgaria	DD/P	Deferred	Open
64.1437	USSR Atlas	25X1A88t.	****	II 60
64.1698	USSR City Plans			Open
63.1715	Research for Agr. Maps of E. Germany	M/AG/RR	Deferred	Open
63.1741	Index for plotting mapping Eur. Satellites	Self-init.	***	Open
61.1744	Safe Areas: China	SAC	***	Apr 60
64.1745	Safe Areas: USSR	SAC	In abeyance	Open
61.1774	Vul. Analysis of Supply Routes in Tibet	DD/P	In abeyance	Open
69.1776	Soviet Dev. in Geodesy, etc. (ICBM)	Self-init.	In abeyance	II 60
64.1777	Tourist Objectives: Soviet Cities	25X1A88a	***	II 60
60.1792	Review of [redacted] Studies			Open
60.1801	Boundary Inventory	IRC/GE/State		Feb 61
60.1804	Article for Intelligence Studies	Self-init.	In abeyance	Open
63.1824	Order of Battle/Transportation, E. Germany	I/GM/RR	***	Apr 60
#63.1841	Location of Certain Instal. in E. Satellites	Self-init.	I	Open
#60.1845	Support of Power Positions Project	Ad hoc com.	*	22 Apr 60
<u>External Research, CIA/RR X [redacted]</u>				
69.908	Sov. Geod. and Photogram. Instruments		In abeyance	Open
69.908	A Report on Sov. Cartography		In abeyance	Open
69.908	Selected List of Ref. to Sov. Cartography		In abeyance	Open
69.908	Selected Bibliography of Sov. Geodesy		In abeyance	Open

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60.1735	NIS 43C,	North Vietnam	Apr 60	
60.1736	NIS 43D,	South Vietnam	Apr 60	
60.1737	NIS 26M,	USSR	May 60	
60.1830	NIS 21M,	Yugoslavia	31 Aug 60	
60.1831	NIS 34,	Afghanistan	31 Oct 60	
60.1832	NIS 14M,	Poland	30 Dec 60	NIS
60.1833	NIS 38	Burma	31 Jan 61	Section 19
60.1834	NIS 46,	Tunisia	28 Feb 61	Chapter I
60.1835	NIS 16,	Austria	31 Mar 61	
60.1836	NIS 53A,	UAR: Part A, NIS 28A, Syria	31 May 61	
		Part B, NIS 53B, Egypt	31 May 61	
60.1837	NIS 86,	Venezuela	30 Jun 61	
60.1838	NIS 35 Annex,	Bhutan	30 Jun 61	
60.1756	NIS 12,	Finland	15 Apr 60	
60.1757	NIS 39B,	Nationalist China	16 May 60	NIS
60.1758	NIS 28B,	Lebanon	15 Jun 60	Section 19
				Chapter I
				ANNUAL
60.1687	NIS 50C,	French West Africa	Apr 60	
60.1688	25X19M,	25X19M	May 60	
60.1689			Jun 60	
60.1690	NIS 50B,	Nigeria and British Cameroons	Jun 60	NIS
60.1817	NIS 103,	South Pacific Islands	Oct 60	Chapter IX
60.1818	NIS 50A,	Ghana	Jan 61	
60.1819	NIS 57,	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	Mar 61	
60.1820	NIS 26M,	USSR (5 studies)	Jun 61	

